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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Each of the enclosed documents listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached European Search Report dated July 24, 2000.

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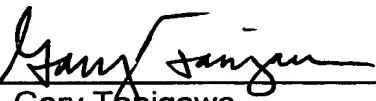
Contingent IDS Request Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c): Should a first Office Action on the merits have been mailed before today, please consider this a request under Rule 97(c) to consider this IDS in lieu of certification and charge the Rule 17(p) Official fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 060113/0275850 for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per MPEP § 609, are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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